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Summary

Shane and Ilya aren't outed, but they're still planning to get married in July and now have to tell the people they care about that they're together and getting married.

Ilya told Marleau and Troy face to face, and made a funny joke about just showing up to camp and acting like everyone had always known, because just telling his best friends had given him so much anxiety he'd nearly been sick.

Except Shane hadn't thought it was a funny joke. Shane thought it was a GREAT plan. It probably needed a dry run at the Kingfisher first.

Notes

See the end of the work for [notes](#)

It was supposed to be a silly ha ha joke. Ilya had made a *very silly ha ha joke Hollander*.

"What if we just gaslight everyone at camp into thinking they forgot we are together?" Ilya had joked.

"What?" Shane had asked, face adorably scrunched up in confusion. "Who taught you that word?"

"Kip. But see, we just kiss and hold hands and do couple shit in front of the coaches and make them think they've known the whole time." Ilya had laughed because it was a *funny joke*.

And then been distracted by Shane's hot thinking/pondering face. "Y'know that's not a bad idea." And then he'd pointed out that Hayden and Ryan already knew and it would be easy but maybe they should do a dry run first-

So Ilya found himself sitting in the Kingfisher *during the summer*. Because his boyfriend thought his silly joke was a good idea. He did brighten when Kyle sidled up to the table.

"Ah! My favourite bartender!" Ilya exclaimed.

"Hi Ilya," Kyle greeted warmly. "Please tell me you're not drinking at 3pm on a Tuesday in the middle of July, that's kinda depressing."

"Is *start* of July," Ilya corrected. "And *I* am not the one that suggested it."

"We can leave-" Shane teased.

"You drag me away from peaceful cottage five days early to *fly* to New York, a city *known* for being unbearable in the summer, and you want to leave?" Ilya looked at Kyle. "Yes I am drinking at 3pm on a Tuesday."

Kyle tilted his head. "Didn't you live in Boston for eight years?"

"He went back to Russia basically every summer," Shane answered before Ilya could, Kyle's head tilted further to the side and his eyes moved between the two of them.

"Until you started abducting me from NHL awards," Ilya deadpanned.

"I have *never* kidnapped you from the NHL awards."

"I have proof to the contrary, Hollander."

"Bullshi-"

"Okay it is 3pm on a Tuesday and we are in family friendly mode!" Kyle interrupted. "As much family friendly mode as hockey players can fucking *do*."

"Sorry, Kyle."

"*Rozanov's* the one apologizing?" Kyle shook his head. "Okay two beers-"

"One beer," Ilya corrected, "and the no sugar added ginger mocktail you made me last time."

"You said it was disgusting," Kyle noted.

"Hollander will like it."

Kyle looked at Shane. "I promise it's not actually disgusting-"

"Ilya says I'll like it I probably will." Shane kicked Ilya under the table. "Thank you, Kyle."

Ilya started a timer on his phone the second Kyle retreated behind the bar, sitting it face-up.

"What are you doing?" Shane asked, instantly suspicious. "Are you *timing* how long it takes him to make-"

"No, I'm timing how long it takes one of the other three to show up." Ilya leaned back in the booth and set his arm over Shane's shoulders like it was the most normal thing for them to do in a semi-public place. "My bet's on Benny or Hunter first."

"You have to pick one for a bet, Ilya."

"I *know*, Shane." Ilya hummed as Shane relaxed into his side. "Benny. Hunter is old, his bones do not move fast."

"You are the worst."

"You love it."

"Questioning that right now."

Ilya turned his head to whisper into Shane's ear, "*ya tebya lyublyu*."

Shane sighed, fond, adoring, while smiling the equally fond, adoring smile he reserved for Ilya's antics. "*Ya tebya lyublyu*," he repeated in his butchered Russian.

"Getting better," Ilya noted.

And Shane preened.

And Kyle delivered their drinks.

And Ilya did not move his arm.

"What are you timing?" Kyle asked.

A second later Eric Bennett stepped through the door. Ilya stopped the timer and grinned at Kyle.

"You are an incorrigible gossip," Ilya observed.

"Who the fuck taught you that word?" Shane demanded.

"Ruby, her kindergarten teacher used it and she had me look it up," Ilya answered.

"All due respect, happy to have you Shane, but why the fuck are you in my bar in the middle of summer on a random fucking Tuesday?" Eric asked, arm in a sling.

"Because I was bored-"

"Liar," Ilya interjected, Shane ignored him.

"-and the flights from Ottawa to New York were cheap."

Eric looked at Shane like he was insane. It was nice to be in the pair of them and *not* be the one everyone assumed was nuts for once. "Because we're in the middle of a fucking heat wave, Hollander."

"Ilya's been nagging me for years-"

"Two years."

"-to come visit and that's still plural years." Shane took a sip of his mocktail.

"The fuck did you do to him?" Eric asked Ilya.

"Many things, be more specific."

"What the fuck happened to the nice all-Canadian hockey kid?"

"Is a front," Ilya dismissed.

And then Scott and Kip arrived.

"You're late!" Ilya shouted at them.

"You really bet on me being a gossip to get them here?" Kyle asked.

"Eh, knew you would tell them, knew they would show up because they would not believe you." Ilya took a sip of his beer and smirked at Scott. "And I was right your ancient bones took forever to get here."

"Ilya," Shane sighed.

Ilya shrugged and quieted down as Shane politely greeted Scott and Kip.

Scott who was squinting at Ilya's arm around Shane's shoulder. He could see the puzzle pieces clearly in Scott's head. The countless games Boston had won over New York and Ilya had proclaimed his love for every one of his teammates as they got off the ice combined with how Ilya just generally was. But also, Shane was known across the league to be gay. Ilya who'd moved from a city that loved him and had great stats and attendance to the worst team in the league in the city Shane grew up in, two hours away from Shane.

Ilya had given his room number to Shane in 2011 right in front of Scott, who'd been his neighbour. Shane who got into a gloves-off fight after Scott had alluded to Ilya.

Those were pieces that Scott alone had.

"Nope," he heard Scott breathe, and then he walked into the employees only section of the bar.

"I think you broke him," Kip said, watching his husband disappear through a door.

"With what?" Shane asked, so perfectly feigning his innocent sweet Canadian boy-next-door face that *Ilya* almost believed him.

"This feels like a really bad joke," Eric declared. "And if it is I'm punching both of you."

"What is joke?" Ilya asked.

"Don't be an asshole you know what a joke is-" Kip cut himself off. "Oh you mean what does Eric think the joke is."

"Yes, what is joke?" Ilya repeated.

Shane pressed his foot against Ilya's and then took a loud slurp of his drink through the bright pink straw in the glass.

They both blinked at the three men still standing at the end of the table. For several minutes there was just silence.

And then Scott came back and braced his hands on the tabletop, looking both of them in the eye.

"Since 2011?" He hissed.

Shane smiled and sipped more.

"You- *longer*?" Scott looked at Ilya who shrugged.

"I do not know what you are talking about, Scott." Shane stepped a little harder on Ilya's foot. Ilya took a sip of his beer and muttered, "*longer*" into it.

Scott's eye twitched. "Shane I'm going to kill him."

"Please don't."

"Is he ever *not* an asshole?"

"No."

Scott took a deep breath. "I'm going to go have a mental breakdown in the walk-in. Be right back."

Ilya gave him a two finger salute and kept drinking his beer.

Shane, helpfully, shouted after him, "blame your husband!"

"How is any of this my fault?" Kip asked.

"You taught Ilya the word gaslight," Shane stated.

Those Who Know™

Shane

Okay before I finish this list

(Ilya changed the chat name to Those Who Know™ minus Shane's very nice parents)

Shane

You are all going to be very cool and calm and collected

Sveta

No promises

Shane

You know who's missing

Sveta

I am making no promises for the men

Shane

ykw fair

(Shane added Rosie to the chat)

OK

Role call.

Ryan Price and Fabian Salah

Hayden and Jackie Pike

Troy Barrett

Eric Bennett and the best bartender in the world

Kyle



Kip and his ancient husband who will make him very wealthy widow

Scott

I hate him

Kip

No you don't

Svetlana Vetrova

Cliff Marleau

Rose Landry

That is everyone yes

Rosie

I think so?

(Rosie shared a Note "those who know")

And we are not including Yuna and David in the chat because I value their opinion

Kip

I feel like I should be vaguely offended

Eric

Wait Pikes what are ur kid's names?

Hayden

Ruby Amber Jade

Shane

And Arthur

U forgot Arthur again

Hayden

AND ARTHUR

fuck

Jackie

Babe.

Eric

Did you learn the word 'incorrigible' from one of the little Pikes?

Yes 😎

Jackie

???

Shane

Ruby's teacher called her incorrigible. I had words with the principal dw

Jackie



Fabian

ty Ilya for not gaslighting Ryan

I would never

Kip

You literally did

Shane

And we're gonna do it again

Oh yes I will gaslight gatekeep girlboss OTHERS

Shane

Kip

Kip

Not sorry

Would never gaslight my good friend Ryan

He gaslights himself already

Ryan

#anxiety

Rosie



Marley

Wtf did I miss?

Shane

Instead of coming out we're just gaslighting people into thinking they've always known

Scott

Because Ilya's corrupted Shane

Hayden

No Shane's always been like this

Jackie

Can confirm, Ilya just makes it more obvious

Rosie

Which is why they're made for each other obv

That and the very good sex

(Scott left the chat)

(Kip added Scott to the chat)

Kip

Stay this is funny

And you'll be begging to know shit anyways

Fabian

YK there's a joke abt begging to be made here

You would know

Ryan

ILYA

Shane

Ilya

Scott

Rozanov

Marley

Roz

Sveta

Ilyushka

Fabian

He's not wrong

Rosie

Pls tell me some of u are in/near Vancouver?

Shane

???

Rosie

Sorry unrelated to everything but I'm filming and the co-star is a dick and I need normal human interaction and they wouldn't let me bring my fav mua

Leah Campbell and Max Riley haven't left for camp yet

Will send u their #s

Troy

Dela Cruz?

Sveta

I don't think her idea of normal human is hockey players

Rosie

I have three brothers and grew up in Michigan. Leah Campbell and Max Riley are my heroes

And yes Troy

Troy

🙄🙄 Sorry u have to deal w him

At least she's getting paid to

Troy

True

Rosie

No money in the world is enough to put up with that man outside of work hours

Debating going full diva and demanding to only shoot with doubles

Do it

Shane

Svetlana no stealing my best friend time

Sveta

I didn't say shit!

Boston is not so close to mtl as u would think

Marley

You've said

Repeatedly

Hayden

For years

Fabian

I've got shows in ott and mtl during gchc btw

Idk who all in here is going/coaching but I've got unlimited comp tickets

Shane

Scott, Kip, Eric, me, Ilya, Hayden

Kyle

I will 100% come if I can get Haley to run the Kingfisher for a couple weeks

Shane

You're all getting roped into the gaslighting yk

Scott

Why?

Kip

Because I want to watch a bunch of hockey players who's mental health I'm not personally invested in lose their shit?

I couldn't enjoy you losing your shit bc I'm married to u and worry abt you and it was objectively hilarious!

And if u help I will give u wedding cake that is not sour

Shane

The lemon cake is GOOD

It tastes like sadness and white chocolate

Kyle

Wedding cake???

Troy

Right they're new

Almost plane crash happened at the beginning of the year, Shane proposed, they're getting married before coming out

Easier to get spousal visa first and then worry abt citizenship then trust fucking Crowell not to pull some shit and send me back to Russia

Scott

Fuck Crowell

Eric

Fuck Crowell

Troy

Fuck Crowell

Shane

Fuck Crowell

Kip

Fuck Crowell

Rosie

Fuck him with a hot poker

Fabian

V medieval I love it. Who tf is Crowell?

Shane

Head of the NHL

Told Barrett to stop posting shit advocating for sexual assault victims

Told me not to come out

Tried to force Scott back into the closet

Fabian

Fuck Crowell

Troy

Don't forget the email after I came out

Shane

Ugh yeah

Don't remind me what we have to look forward to 🙄😬

Hayden

Jfc wtf?

Shane

Yup

Another reason we're getting married FIRST and coming out AFTER

And why Shane signed to the Centaurs

Shane

Was v nearly new york sorry Scott

Scott



Shane

Husband aside, Ottawa IS my hometown

[Shane_2000_Cens_Game.jpg]

Troy

Oh my god baby Hollander!

You gotta send that to Harris

Scott

Wait why is he not in this chat?

Shane

He doesn't know

He is senior coms director and has duty to inform management and/or owners of anything that could impact the team's standing

Troy

Same reason Wiebe doesn't know

Shane

Yet

Troy

Don't make me gaslight coach

Or the kids

Shane

They'll be the easiest though!

We are not gaslighting the kids

It would break Haasy

Someone send reinforcements Shane is pouting at me

Rosie

thots and prayers babes

Sveta

нет :)

предатель высшей степени

Как ты могла бросить меня в час нужды?

Kip

jfc just when I thought Ilya couldn't be more excessively Russian

Sveta

We are both exceedingly Russian

Scott

Shane don't gaslight Haas he's too sweet for that shit

Troy

And he worships Shane and Ilya

P sure he had posters of them next to each other

Fabian

U think he made the posters kiss??

Shane

I won't gaslight the kid if that sentence and image never gets brought up again

Fabian

Deal

Shane

To be clear; the wedding's the Sunday after the mtl camp ends

I've got it blocked off as a debrief day/dinner at Ilya's house in the GCHC coaches calendar

And team welcome dinner in the rest of the Cens calendar the night before

So everyone will know by the wedding

Shane

Ilya didn't want to wait until after bc he didn't want to deal w the complaints abt not being invited

Is not real wedding anyways

Hayden

Yet again reminding you my children do not have any legal authority to perform marriages

Shane

Still

Scott

Kip has questions

I will answer them when he gets ur ancient ass here in 1 piece

Scott

I hate you

Hayden

Felt

Shane
Be nice!

3 people

Problem

Scott

???

We r going to have to reassure Shane that this is normal

He is worrying u two legitimately hate me

Hayden

You're literally the emergency contact for my kids at school and daycare and daycamps???

Scott

Above Shane?

Hayden

Yeah Shane panics and shuts down a bit and Ilya's remarkably good at parenting/soothing sick/injured kids

Is not his fault, he's an only child and only knows how to do hockey

Scott

Are we going to have to acknowledge you're our friend?

Hayden

That will cause me actual physical pain to do

Shane is scared you hate me and I hate you two so YES we do

Not publicly just around him

Scott

Shane doesn't do subtle does he?

Hayden

Nope

No

Is why we work so well together, language barrier meant I had to be blunt to talk to him

Scott

Weirdly sweet

Hayden

Title of their biography right there

Wait till you see their faces when they're both coaching kids

Do not mock my baby fever Pike

I will steal Arthur

U would not even notice

Scott

Yeah he would?

Hayden

Honestly?

Probably wouldn't. The girls are a lot and Arthur's the quiet one

Perks of having a best friend and his husband on speed dial

Doubles the number of adults

Zoo trips are very easy now

Scott

Yk if Crowell makes any of u 3 All Stars this year u should bring the Pike-lings

Hayden

Oh that would be fun

They're def old enough now

Scott

I'm already stuck going so Kip'll be there too

If u leave the children unsupervised with Kip they will learn how to be gladiators

Hayden

Honestly sold

Scott

Yeah not untrue

Hayden

icb u married a nerd Hunter

Scott

He's a very cute nerd

And Ilya's marrying Shane

Yes but he is hockey nerd

Hayden

Oh boy do I have news for you bud

Ilya's the nerd

He regularly explains shit to the kids

Is easy questions. Why is sky blue? What started the universe? How do we know about the big bang if no one saw it?

Scott

... Holy shit Roz is a nerd

Hayden

Told you

Scott

No wonder he and Eric get along

Is also the bi thing

End Notes

translations:

нет: no

предатель высшей степени: traitor of the highest degree

Как ты мог бросить меня в час нужды?:How could you abandon me in my hour of need?

I wanted to write a textfic where Ilya and Shane gaslit the Kingfisher gays and realized I could have a little scene before hand showing the gaslighting

Also included Ilya, Scott, and Hayden being friends at the end bc I saw someone say that Ilya and Hayden aren't friends bc from Shane's POV they don't seem to be and Ilya never calls Hayden his friend despite said person also saying they loved Scott and Ilya's friendship in the books which IS EXACTLY THE SAME!!! And as a person who chirps my bestie relentlessly this felt like a personal affront. THEY ARE FRIENDS! IF THEY WEREN'T FRIENDS ILYA WOULDN'T BE TRUSTED W HAYDEN'S KIDS!!!! THEY JUST CHIRP EACH OTHER!! SHANE IS JUST V AUTISTIC AND ANXIOUS AND ILYA IS BOTH DEPRESSED AND WOULD RATHER DIE THAN ADMIT HE'S FRIENDS W PIKE! anywaaaaays

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